Reservation to Valmiki Community

4512. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA :

SHRI AMAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Valmiki Community which is one third of Scheduled Caste Community has not been able to avail of the benefit of reservation of Government Services and majority of them are still illiterate and live in abject poverty;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allot separate quota in the reservation for SC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) Information in regard to the extent to which Reservation benefits have been availed of by the Valmiki Community is not maintained separately.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for Port-Based steel plants in Orissa

4513. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether government have a proposal to set up a port-based steel plant at Paradeep and another port-based steel plant at Gopalpur in Orissa;

(b) if so, the stages at which these two proposals are pending;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of these two proposals; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) The Union Government at present have no proposal to set up any port-based steel plant anywhere in Orissa. However, Government of Orissa